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SIFE fundraiser quadruples goal for Haiti Water Project

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Students in Free Enterprise collected more than \$11,000 to send overseas to Haiti. The donations are still coming in.

Just two weeks into the New Year, a magnitude-7 earthquake struck Haiti on the Enriquillo-Plantain Garden fault zone. According to CNN, the latest death toll from the Haitian Health Ministry is 150,000 and only 134 have been rescued.

So far, CNN reported that \$783 million were received in Haiti and \$317 million of the overall total came from the United States, which also has 17,000 military personnel involved.

The Olivet community, led by SIFE, has also been doing their part in the relief efforts.

Before SIFE partnered with the chaplain's office for the Haiti Water Project, their goal was \$2,500 and they already had about \$2,300, according to Rachel Hoover, SIFE club member and leader for the project. When the chaplain's office got involved, the numbers skyrocketed.

The original goal was set because SIFE planned to build a fresh-water well. The extra money will pay for bottled water and other relief efforts, Hoover said.

"The costs (of a well) can range from \$2,500 to \$4,500, depending

on how extensive the work is," Hoover said.

The money is being sent to the Regional Caribbean Office, specifically to Beth and Curt Luthye in Port Au Prince, Haiti, according to Hoover. These missionaries will find a use for the extra money once it gets there.

SIFE started the Haiti Water Project, but it grew more than they ever expected. Clubs and departments all across campus are doing what they can to pitch in.

"Both the guy's and girl's basketball teams warmed up in the Haiti Water Project T-shirts (Jan. 19). ... The Cheerleaders cheered in them during the entire game, and they collected donations for Haiti throughout the game. The athletic training classes have contacted (SIFE), and the professors are going to allow their trainers to wear the T-shirts as part of their uniforms. The nursing department has contacted us, and they are collecting donations throughout their department," Hoover said.

With all of the help around campus, SIFE raised more than quadruple their original goal.

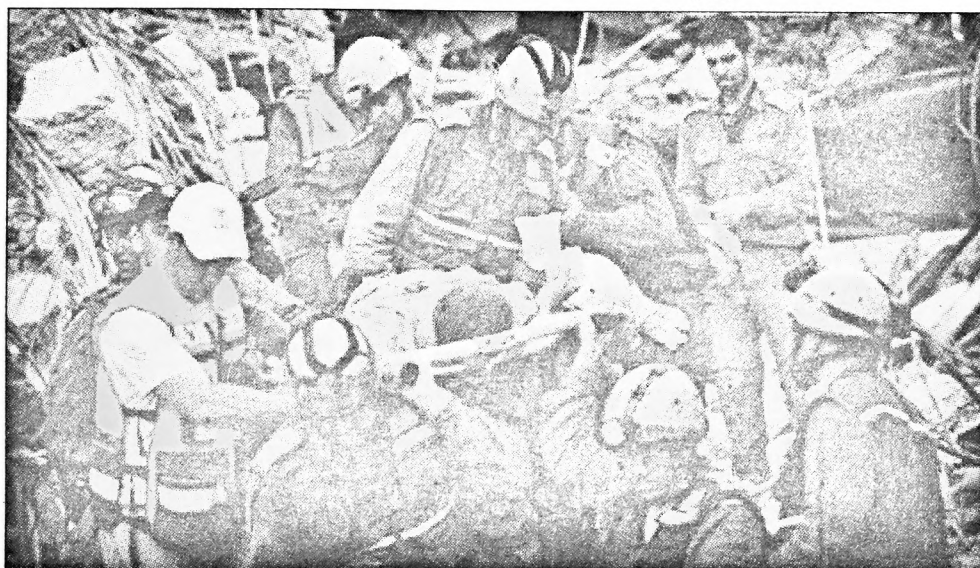
SIFE is not done yet. For the rest of the semester, SIFE will have a table set up in Ludwig every Wednesday, and the offering money from revival week will also be donated.

"Another fundraiser that we are trying to get approved at the

moment is the Fink-binder fast. Every year the money that is raised through the fast is donated to an organization, and I know we are currently working on getting that donated to the Haiti Water Project," Hoover said.

Jennifer McClellan, Olivet's spiritual life ministries adviser, said this is a very important project for the Olivet community to be involved in because some students and faculty have emotional ties to the Haitians.

"It is obvious to see how incredibly blessed we are at ONU and our God-given desire to reach out and help others in such desperate circumstances. We now know people there (in Haiti). We have connections and emotional ties with our Nazarene family in that city – faces and names. But even if we didn't, something in our spirits begs us to do whatever we can because we know they are



Relief efforts in Haiti have been coming from all around the world. The U.S. has 17,000 military personnel involved. PHOTO COURTESY OF WN.COM

mom's and dad's, and children just like us. The overflow of compassion and generosity is a healthy and right thing for the ONU family to do together."

Many more people in the Olivet community have also been touched by the generosity being shown to Haiti, including Mark Holcomb, assistant professor and platform host during chapel.

"This is an expression of who we are as people of faith and followers of Jesus. It's not just a reaction, but a response to people who are no less deserving of the basic needs of life than we are, or no more deserving of tragedy

than us, either. It's not surprising to me that our students respond. In my time here, when need is presented, our community has always responded with generosity whether in giving, prayer, time, service and friendship."

The aid Olivet has given may be generous, but it does not come as a surprise for Woody Webb, vice president for student development.

"I'm glad to be a part of a giving and loving community who cares about others and who responds with their prayers and resources. I'm very proud of our students."

Low turnout for free vaccines



Marilyn Myers, director of Health Service, administers a dose of the H1N1 vaccine to Tori Prentice.

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Approximately 260 free doses of the H1N1 vaccine were given out to students and faculty at Olivet last week. Though this is more than the 100 doses administered last semester, it is still well

short of what the Olivet Health Service had aimed for.

Because most of Olivet's community falls in the high-risk category for getting the illness, Olivet received 1,200 shots through the Illinois government. "We were really hoping for more people to come in," said Bethany Knight, a nurse for Health Service.

The shots were administered in conference rooms B and C on the second floor of Ludwig. Despite video announcements in chapel and signs posted in dorms, Ludwig and McHie, lines never formed over the three days.

Knight said there are a couple of reasons why students did not come to get vaccinated. One reason may be the lack of coverage of H1N1 in the news recently.

"Also, a lot of students think they are strong enough that they don't need the vaccine," she said.

Some students also said they did not want to walk outside in the rainy weather or experience the side effects of the vaccine.

According to Marilyn Myers, director of Health Service, there are hardly any side effects to getting the vaccine. It contains a dead virus which means a person who gets the shot will not experience the symptoms of the sickness. At most, he or she may have a sore arm. Myers said that cases of neurological problems due to the vaccine are rare.

Tori Prentice, a senior at Olivet, decided to get vaccinated. She has a pregnant sister and a little nephew that she did not want to infect.

"I think it's a good precaution," Prentice said.

According to the National 2009 H1N1 Flu Survey, about one-in-five Americans had taken precautionary measures like Prentice and were vaccinated as of Jan. 2. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimated that approximately 55 million Americans have contracted H1N1 since April 2009. As of Jan. 15, about 2,700 people have been hospitalized and 89 people have died in the state of Illinois due to H1N1, according to the Illinois Department of Health Web site.

Olivet freshman Alyssa Hale knows firsthand what contracting H1N1 means. She is one of over a hundred Olivet students who were isolated last semester with "influenza-like illness." She thought she had an ear infection last October when she went to

the nurses, but they told her that she had symptoms of H1N1 and needed to be sent home.

"I instantly started crying," Hale said. "I was freaking out because I had to miss school. I feel like missing a whole week of school really screwed me over."

Upon arriving home in Fort Wayne, Ind., four hours away, Hale was officially diagnosed by her doctor with H1N1. Hale said the worst part of the virus itself was the fever and the aching.

"I've never ached that much before in my life," she said.

When asked if she would have received the vaccination if she had known that she would contract H1N1, she said she would have. At the vaccination station, Knight acknowledged that receiving the vaccine is worth it.

"Getting the shot is the best way to prevent getting sick," Knight said.

Knight said that because Health Service has shots available, they will be giving more sometime this semester.

News around the world

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ARGENTINA

Spanish authorities have agreed to hand over Julio Alberto Poch to Argentinean officials to face prosecution. During the 1970s and 1980s a military junta took control of Argentina and during that time an estimated 30,000 dissidents were murdered or disappeared. "Death planes" carried scores of these victims out over the sea and dropped them to their deaths. Poch is believed to have piloted some of the death planes. He was arrested last month in Spain and held in Madrid until now.

AFGHANISTAN

The Taliban has claimed that twenty of its fighters were involved in bombing the Afghan capital of Kabul this past week. This attack comes as the latest in a series of increasingly aggressive acts of violence on the capital. Gunmen and suicide bombers sparked gun battles and set off explosions around a hotel and several governmental buildings in the heart of the city, killing five people and wounding 71. Seven of the Taliban fighters are claimed to have been killed in the conflict as well. President Hamid Karzai said that the situation is now under control and the city has become relatively calm, although some fear persists as some of the attackers are believed to still be at large. Gen. Stanley McChrystal, head of U.S. armed forces in Afghanistan, praised the efforts against the Taliban, saying, "Afghan National Security Forces effectively dealt with the situation and should be commended. We convey our heartfelt condolences to the innocent victims of this cowardly attack."

CHINA

In the past week, Google issued statements saying it will no longer acquiesce to Chinese government's policy of filtering internet searches, even if that means moving out. According to the BBC, the statement comes in wake of Google's accusations that cyber attacks on certain human rights activists originated in China and that web censorship there is growing. The Chinese government has responded by insisting Internet use is open in the country. China's Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Jiang Yu said foreign Internet firms are welcome to do business there "according to the law." Google is not China's most-used Internet search engine.

SUDAN

Sudan's President Omar al-Bashir has said that his party would be willing to accept the secession of the south if citizens vote to secede in a referendum next year. This statement comes amidst reports that the government was working hard to prevent secession. Sudan suffered from civil war between Muslims in the north and Christians in the south throughout the last decade. One of the greatest refugee crises of our times was marked by millions of displaced Sudanese civilians. Bashir was indicted for war crimes against humanity by the International Criminal Court last March and yet still remains in power.

Who's Who seniors selected

This year 49 seniors were selected for the *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*. After a four-week nomination and election process, students were chosen based on academic achievement, extracurricular involvement, Christian witness, and potential for future leadership. The recipients are as follows:

Harrison Agan	Katherine Burkey	Lukas Frame	Luke Mingus
Tony Allen	Corey Buttry	Scott Hale	Kristin Murray
Samantha Allen	Bethany Christiansen	Joshua Hjort	Emily Poling
Brent Anthony	Sarah Clark	Dustin Hogan	Marygrace Russo
Bethany Bacon	Spencer Cook	Kelly Holcomb	Amanda Siems
Kaitlin Barker	Josh Crawford	John Keating	Anna Smit
Mark Bell	Laura DeMerrell	Kalyn Klontz	Kyle Steinke
Elizabeth Bernhardt	Brittany Denhart	Jeffrey Lamping	Jasper Taylor
Dolphy Biswas	Mackenzie Duvendack	Sara Lennon	Elise Tyma
Carrie Booth	Ainsley Fleetwood	Luke Olney	Katherine Ufkin
Kevin Burke	Rachel Forshee	Brittany Petree	Kristen Watson
Jonathan Burkey	Peter Foster	Elizabeth Lumpkin	Joshua Woods
			Lindsay Zavitz

New officers hired

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Four new officers joined the Public Safety staff this year. They are Bill Heller, Jordan Prewitt, Jason Savage and Steve Taylor.

These former Olivet students were hired as Shift Leaders, public safety officers with a leadership role. This new position was created as a part of the restructuring process of Public Safety, according to Craig Bishop, director of Public Safety.

Public Safety formally explained the reconstruction in the Vision 2010 statement.

"The Department of Public Safety will seek to progress during the 2010 calendar year while upholding the purposes within the motto: 'To serve, protect and educate.'"

Along with this new motto, Bishop explained three focal points that will clarify and guide the process to a better Public Safety Department.

These focal points – consistency, competency and reduction of liability – also define the job of the Shift Leaders.

Consistency

There will be a Shift Leader on duty at all times. Two Leaders work per day, each with a 12-hour shift, Savage said. Since the men were all trained for the same job, they will lead the department consistently.

"All four of us basically do the exact same task in the day-to-day emergency situations. So you always have that consistent person. (Heller) may be working nights right now, but he will handle an emergency call to one of the dorms the same way I would," Prewitt said.

Competency

Heller, Prewitt, Savage and Taylor were former Olivet students and all worked in Public Safety when they were here, according to Bishop. Having the previous knowledge of the department and how it runs internally aids them with leading it now.

Reduction of Liability

On top of being here for 12-hour shifts, 3-to-4 times per week, the men are also taking an Emergency Medical Training basic class, Bishop said. With this class and certification under their belts, they will be able to respond to medical emergencies on campus and not

have to wait for the Bourbonnais Police and Fire Departments to arrive, he explained. Savage said the guys are also open to taking further classes. That would include EMT Advanced and then Paramedic certification.

The Shift Leader position is an officer position, but they have other responsibilities as well. They make the schedules for the officers, student workers and interns. Prewitt, Savage and Taylor are CPR teachers and Heller will be one soon, and they all do investigation work.

Going beyond the job, the Leaders are also committed to gaining communication and relationships with the campus community.

Taylor said they want to, "rebuild that relationship with the students because in years past we haven't had that."

He said that would include going to athletic games both on and off duty, having lunch with students rather than eating alone and visiting the dorms.

"The guys are taking Public Safety to a new level," Bishop said.

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Dobson brings humor to chapel while addressing serious issues

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Christian speaker Ryan Dobson does not talk much on airplanes, preferring to sleep, watch movies or listen to his MP3 player.

But on his way to Boise, Idaho, Dobson made an exception for a man in his row sitting against the window. The two talked the entire flight and came to a news issue that Dobson felt was wrong. His acquaintance, meanwhile, said he disbelieved in right or wrong.

Dobson, who believes in absolute truth, said in chapel last week that he had a tough time controlling himself when he heard the man's response.

"I was literally holding my mouth shut. ... And my brain was going, 'Slap him! Slap him!'" Dobson said, adding that his acquaintance's belief system would have justified the assault.

The crowd roared with laughter — not only then but during several other moments in Dobson's messages last week. In his three days in chapel, Dobson combined humor and seriousness to address the issues of moral relativism, trusting God in difficult times and the sanctity of human life.

Nancy Dodd, assistant to the chaplain, also had several other events booked for Dobson, a former Olivet student and the son of Focus on the Family founder Dr. James Dobson. Between Jan. 19 and Jan. 21, Dobson spoke to four classes, addressed the student group Olivetians for Life at a luncheon and did interviews with Shine.FM, the GlimmerGlass and a political science student doing research for his senior thesis.

The chaplain's office has received more feedback than some speakers generate, Dodd said.

"We've had similar responses as far as the endorsement of the

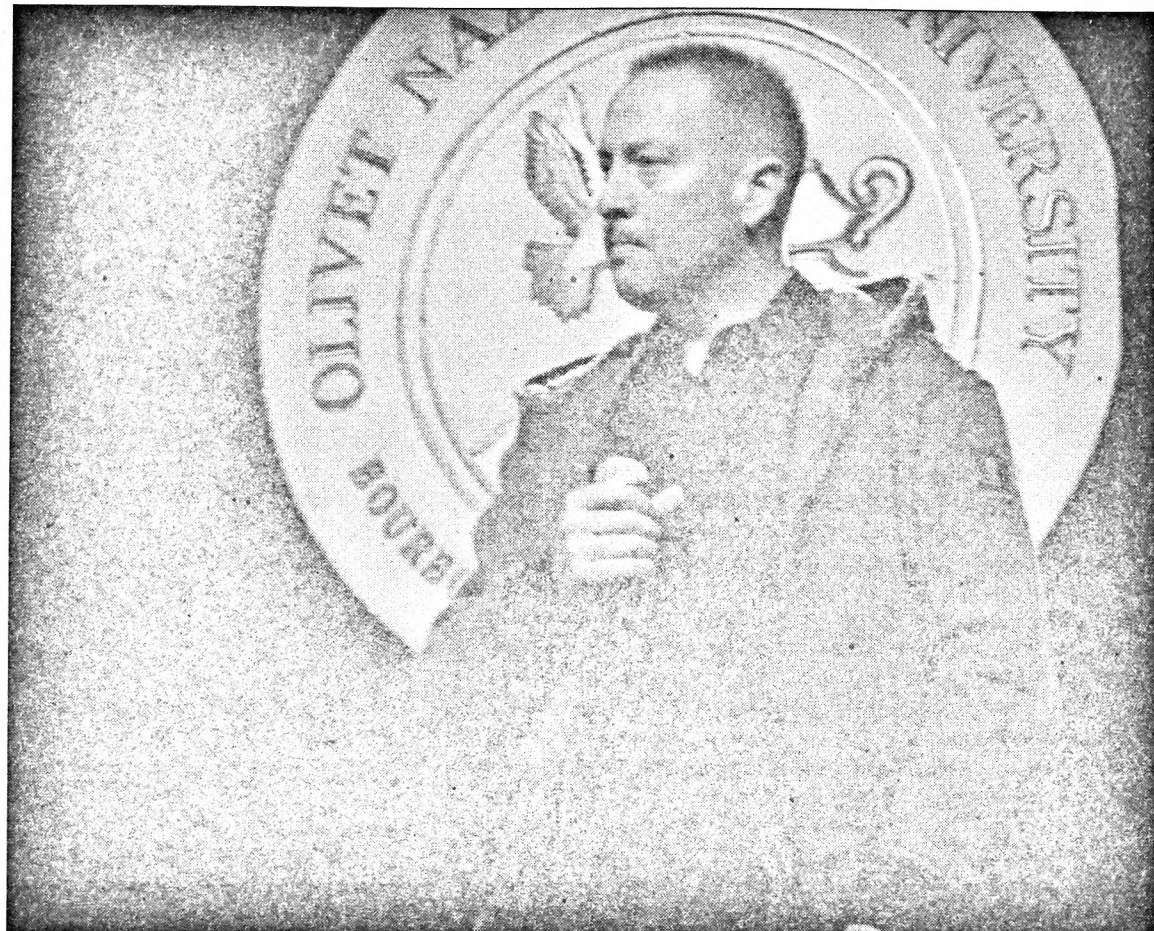


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Former ONU student Ryan Dobson speaks in chapel during Sanctity of Human Life Week, a time close to his heart after being adopted himself as an infant.

quality, but he was definitely in the top 10 as far as that kind of response," she said.

Dodd said she booked Dobson to speak at Olivet because she had read his book "Be Intolerant: Because Some Things Are Just Stupid" and thought he would be a good fit to begin this semester's chapel theme of having a biblical worldview.

"I thought he did a fantastic job," Dodd said. "He's a gifted communicator, and I thought he connected very well with the students."

Senior Devin Williams agreed. "I thought he was down to earth," Williams said. "He approached the students as him-

self. He didn't sugarcoat things around. ... He was very real in his approach when he was trying to convey his message."

Most students heard Dobson in chapel. His first message featured a defense of absolute truth that countered the moral relativism he sees in today's culture.

"Tolerance used to mean something totally different than what it means today," he said. "Tolerance used to mean you believe something; I believe something completely different. But we agree to get along, understanding we have differences. Today, tolerance means you believe something; I believe something different. And we can both be right."

Dobson said in the GlimmerGlass interview that sin is the root of moral relativism in contemporary culture. Young Christians rarely come to this perspective from a discussion with someone who believes in moral relativism, he said, instead blaming the erosive effect upon biblical truths that happens after years of listening to today's culture.

The implications of moral relativism are everywhere, he said, mentioning that people buy things on credit, divorce at high rates, cannot say sorry and will not take personal responsibility for their actions.

The solution, Dobson said, lies with God.

"It sounds cliché, but everything goes back to God," he said. "Without a soul change, there's really no change."

Although Dobson acknowledged that some people disagree in legislating morality, he defended the idea of Christians trying to change the law.

"Every legislation is somebody's idea of morality," he said. "It's someone's idea of what's right and wrong or what's best for our country, so there's nothing wrong with Christians trying to legislate morality based on the Bible."

But Dobson said in the interview that today's culture among young Christians has a good side in their humanitarian efforts that accompany prayer with action. He cited the fundraising of the Haiti Water Project, an initiative of the ONU group Students in Free Enterprise that was already seeking to build a fresh-water well in Haiti before the earthquake earlier this month and is raising funds for additional assistance to the earthquake-ravaged country.

After last semester, the project had between \$2,200 and \$2,300, said Jennifer McClellan, Olivet's spiritual life ministries adviser and the coordinator of Missions In Action. Donations poured in last week, and on Jan. 22 McClellan said the project had \$11,300.

Dodd said in an e-mail that one of the options for students interested in helping the project was to give \$10 in Tiger dollars and obtain one of Dobson's books, which Dobson was donating to help the cause.

Dobson related his second chapel message to Haiti, arguing that it is better to go through tragedies with God than to disbelieve in God and think that all of life is random. That morning, Haiti had endured an aftershock to the magnitude-7 earthquake on Jan. 12.

"Are you really going to follow God at all times?" he asked.

Former ONU student interns at NASA

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A dream that began at the gates of Olivet will possibly be making an impact someday on planet Mars. The journey of an education with a Christian purpose is not just for a student's time at Olivet, but it carries into the future.

Many students at Olivet could probably relate to 2003 graduate Heather Makarewicz's journey to Olivet: growing up in a church, wanting to stay close to home and being able to go to a Christian school that offered an accredited, four-year program.

"For my first two and a half years, I was an engineering major," she said. "However, I decided to finish as a math major with an engineering concentration."

The coursework at Olivet helped Makarewicz to learn problem-solving skills, computer programming and number analysis for her current field of work.

"The projects I had to work on at Olivet were time consuming but taught me discipline and perseverance," she said.

Currently she is working with a group at NASA conducting research on hyper-

spectral images obtained from CRISM (the Compact Reconnaissance Imaging Spectrometer for Mars), which is onboard Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter. From these images, they can determine the geology and mineralogy of Mars. This will aid in the discovery of water and possible life on the planet.

"All of this information will be needed in order to colonize Mars in the future," she said.

Very large amounts of data are received from CRISM, making this a tedious task. Makarewicz is developing computer algorithms to automate this process, instead of using a large number of people.

"My work requires the development and automatic generation of mathematical models of mineral spectra and these models are used to automatically classify minerals and create mineral maps," Makarewicz said. "The entire process is tested using known mineral spectra."

The Christian purpose of education at Olivet serves her well even now.

"As a researcher, my results are presented at conferences and published in journals, and being educated in a Christian



PHOTO COURTESY OF HEATHER MAKAREWICZ

Heather Makarewicz creates mathematical algorithm to arrange data received from CRISM.

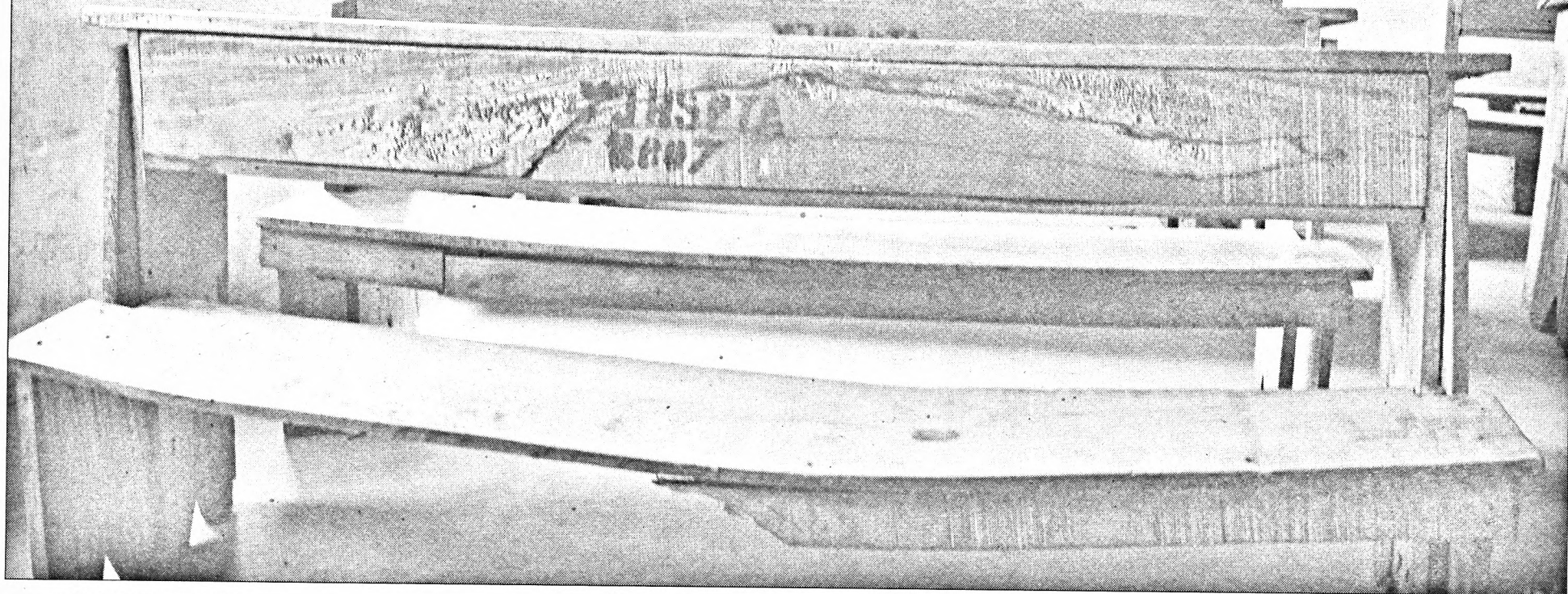
environment has shaped me into a person who presents my results with honesty and integrity."

She suggests students choose a career field, be very dedicated to it, study hard and be as independent as possible.

"You may have to teach yourself some-

thing new in order to be successful. Have patience and be persistent when pursuing opportunities because sometimes pursuing a career involves some risk. Be willing to take the risk and don't just take the easy route."

You can change this: Education in Third World countries



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I was sitting in an all-boys orphanage in Lagos, Nigeria, listening to a young man's dreams for the future. His name was Praise, and he had greeted us at the "Little Saints Boys Home." Praise grew up at the orphanage along with about 70 other boys.

I was greatly impacted by his passion to become a surgeon and perform life-saving surgeries that had never been done before in Nigeria. He was convinced that God could use him to do the impossible. He told us his hero is the American neurosurgeon Ben Carson, who grew up in a very poor home but through dedication became a famous surgeon.

Praise has been trying to get into college in Nigeria for two years now. Chances that he will actually attend undergraduate school, let alone medical school, are not good. As we talked, I was hit with the realization that this driven, bright young man may never have the chance to walk into surgery and save a life. The problem isn't that he's not smart enough or doesn't have the right words for his application; the problem is that he lives in Nigeria, a country known for corruption. Many times I was told that in Nigeria those who succeed are those with money or connections.

If you had neither, then your chances of getting into college were very slim.

A big problem

Praise is not alone. Education is one of Nigeria's biggest problems. Located in West Africa, Nigeria is the most populated country on the continent, with around 130 million people. Due to poverty, corrupt government and other Third World factors, Nigeria's illiteracy rate is around 43 percent.

According to UNESCO, only 5 percent of people living in sub-Saharan Africa attend school at the university level, while over a third of the population in rich countries will graduate from universities. Even those fortunate enough to be accepted at a university in Nigeria may not obtain a very good education. In 2001, a strike by Nigerian faculty closed down all of the country's universities for three months, according to a 2002 article in "The Chronicle of Higher Education."

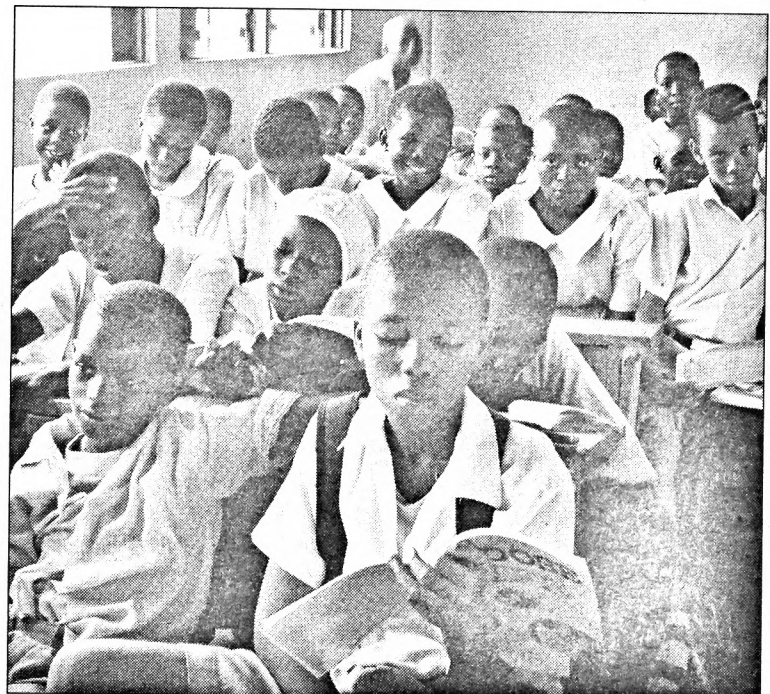
While we're taking out loans to pay for a \$30,000 year of college, an African student wanting to attend Africa Nazarene University in Kenya could do so for a total of \$16,000 to earn their degree. However, most Africans can't even afford this, and there is no way for them to take out loans. While I know I don't have the power to send every worthy child

from the Third World to college, I am currently working to send a Nigerian friend, Evelyn Udo-fia, to college at Africa Nazarene University. Her father is a Nazarene pastor who can't afford to send her, but God has told me to find a way to raise the money and give Evelyn a brighter future. If you are interested in helping Evelyn go to college, contact me at mkennel1@olivet.edu.

Do your part

As people who live in a country that values education, this information should bother us. The problem is wide and education is needed many places around the world, but I believe that everyone can do something to help. Ask yourself what you can do. There are so many options, such as sponsoring a child through World Vision or having a book drive for a Third World country. At the very least, become educated about the problem. (For an inspiring read, pick up "Three Cups of Tea" by Greg Mortenson, a man who has built 131 schools in Pakistan and Afghanistan.)

Personally, understanding how blessed I am to have accessible education has given me a lot of perspective. While I may complain about the cost of textbooks or the quality of cafeteria food, the reality is that I am vastly privileged. I don't have to choose be-



PHOTOS SUBMITTED BY MELODY KENNEL

Middle school students at a government school cram together on rough, broken wooden benches (above) in an open-air classroom in Lagos, Nigeria.

tween food or books and I don't have to resort to prostitution to pay for my schooling, as many young women in Kenya have done. If I wanted to become a surgeon, with enough dedication and hard work, it could be done, even if I was from a very poor family or neighborhood. Because we are Americans, we are practically guaranteed a chance to reach our dreams. Most of the world does

not have this opportunity.

My goal isn't to make you feel guilty. After all, no one chooses where they're born. But I am challenging you to become educated and do your part to help educate the rest of the world. We in the Western world are a privileged minority. Let's never forget the opportunities we've been given, or the chances we have to help others gain the same privileges.

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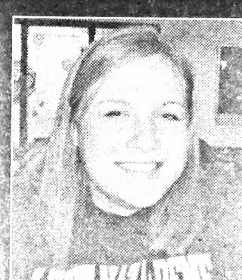
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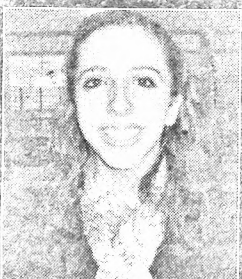
"I traveled to San Diego, where I went to Disneyland, the zoo and rode go-karts at a speedway."
—Kate Fox



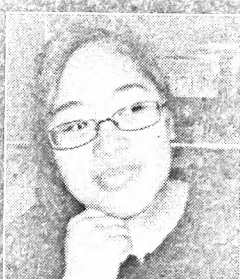
"I walked with two 18-month-old lions at home in Zimbabwe, Africa."
—Peter Foster



"I rode my horse through the snow until I could not stand the cold any longer."
—Hannah Kruse



"I got stuck in Chicago until 2 a.m. after I saw the Broadway show 'The Adams Family'."
—Kelsey Nelson



"Lighting up dangerous fireworks in front of a friend's house in Washington state."
—Rachel Domaal



"I was pretty tame over break. I just hung out with friends I hadn't seen in a while."
—Tim Stephansen

A reflection on COME TO THE

FIRE

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This year's Makom festival, which was renamed Come to the Fire, focused on sitting at the feet of Jesus and offering ourselves to a life of communion with Him.

The structure of each night was different than a regular service. It was intended to create an atmosphere that, as a student body, would allow us to come together and willingly come to Jesus, seek His face, His eyes and His heart, specifically through worship and intercession.

The first night, Thursday, Jan. 14, was a time of worship and prayer. The worship team, God Stretched, was such a blessing. They sang and played in such a way that allowed the Holy Spirit to overflow from them and light a rekindling spark of desire for God's heart in students. The night was a cycle of worship and prayer from a Scripture, followed by the worship team singing over that Scripture as we moved into small groups to pray. Christ, as always, was faithful to His word when He said, "For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them" (Matthew 18:20 NKJV).

Friday and Saturday evening's structure was similar. The evening started with worship and a message given by VP of Spiritual Life Jordan Bergren. He shared some of what God had been putting on his heart and mind for our community here at ONU. Friday's message focused on coming and sitting at the feet of Jesus as weak and broken people, like Mary of Bethany did in Luke 10:38-42. Jordan pointed out that although our homework, studying, hanging out with friends, sports, and even ministries are great, our works are only viewed as good by Jesus if they come from the overflow of our life surrendered to Him in the place of prayer. Our first love is our Father, and we must always strive for Him above all else.

Saturday's message was from John 12, where we see Mary of Bethany pour all her saved-up fragrance on Jesus' feet. Jordan said that we are Jesus' bride and He is coming back for us. We need to respond, then, by seeking His face in a lifestyle of prayer and intercession (Psalm 27:4, 8). God delights in our willing hearts, even as we are weak and broken

people!

During the messages, a group of students was behind the stage covering Jordan and those listening in prayer. I believe that when we pray and intercede, God hears the cries of His children and responds. I believe that a lot of the fruit that resulted from the messages was because Come to the Fire was covered by that group of students in prayer.

As a result of Come to the Fire, 118 students committed to a lifestyle of prayer by filling out prayer commitment cards. This is so wonderful and brings joy to our Father's heart! Each student kept the first half of the card – which stated how often he or she committed to praying – as a personal reminder. On the other half, the student filled out his or her e-mail address and put the card in a glass bowl on the altar. Spiritual Life has since committed to sending out a prayer guideline and accountability e-mail every Monday to these students. (If you would like to make this commitment also, please contact Spiritual Life.) I know from personal experience that committing to prayer is not always easy, but God's grace is always abundant and satisfying!

Many students also said "yes" to prayer in their hearts by humbly going to the altar at Come to the Fire. In the midst of worship and intercession, it was encouraging to see people go and pray for others – friends or strangers – as the Holy Spirit led them. It's beautiful to see a fire rekindle and it was glorious to see people's eyes light up as they testified to God's awakening during this time.

God desires the heart, mind, and strength of each person on this campus. He is jealous for us! Now we need to surrender, draw near and wait to see the promised release of God's Holy Spirit as the fragrance of our prayers arises and moves His heart (James 4:5-8 and Revelation 5:8). Our King is coming back for us, His bride, and we need to be ready. Jesus is calling each of us on this campus to join together, stand firm in Him, and spread the fire. In Hosea 6, God said that if we press on to know Him and His love and give ourselves as offerings, He will come as surely as the spring rains. Our beautiful God is awakening a thirst in us for His Spirit to dwell on this campus even more, a thirst for the knowledge of His heart. I do not know about you, but I feel the earth's anticipation and the thunder rolling in.

Let's get ready. It's about to rain.



PHOTO BY KELLY HOLCOMB

(Above) Students enjoy a time of worship, led by worship team God Stretched (below), at Come to the Fire weekend.



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Earning money for missions

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Junior Juliana DiRienzo has found a creative way to do something she loves while raising money for missions. This year the money is going toward the MIA spring break trip to the country of Guyana in South America.

In March 2009, DiRienzo was struggling to find a way to pay for a mission trip to Costa Rica. When she knew \$3,500 wasn't going to be covered by support letters alone, she came up with the idea to knit hats to sell.

"I'm a naturally crafty person," DiRienzo admitted.

It's a trait that runs in the family. Her grandmother taught her to knit and her mom makes cards and sells them at craft shows.

The hats are knit together in all sorts of

designs. One of them is a chocolate brown warm winter hat with a flower on the front. The flower has bright green petals and a vibrant yellow center. DiRienzo said she likes to keep to simple designs so she won't have to worry about copyright issues. At times, she creates her own designs, but mostly, she finds designs on the internet and incorporates them into her hats.

She's even been known to knit in class. "I concentrate better when I'm knitting," she said. "I think my hands just need something to do."

From the selection of hats she made in March, DiRienzo made about \$400. Since then, some changes have been made, such as selling hats in December instead of March. The early start brought up her sales.

"A lot of people bought them as Christmas gifts," DiRienzo said. "I find that people are more willing to give when they get

something out of it."

So far, she's sold over 30 hats, earning more than \$700 for her spring break mission trip to Guyana.

"I think I'll have my entire trip covered this time," she said.

All the money DiRienzo makes from knitting goes to missions.

"It's not a business, it's just a fundraiser," she said. If she were to ever raise more than she needed, she said she would either put the money in a fund for her next trip or donate it to pay for someone else's mission trip expenses.

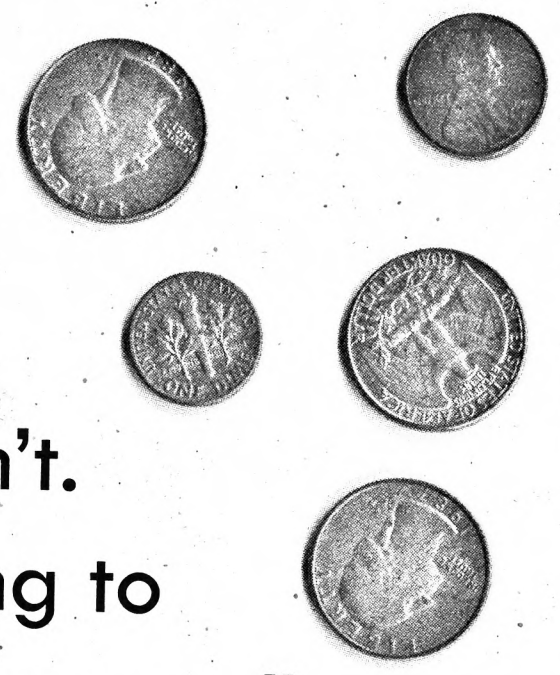
Word is getting out about DiRienzo's knitted hats. She has a Facebook group called So.I.Knit, where she sells hats ranging in price from \$15 to \$20. She has also been able to sell some hats at the craft shows her mom attends.

"The support I've gotten from people I don't even know is incredible," she said.



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Juliana DiRienzo models a hat she made to earn money for her spring break mission trip.



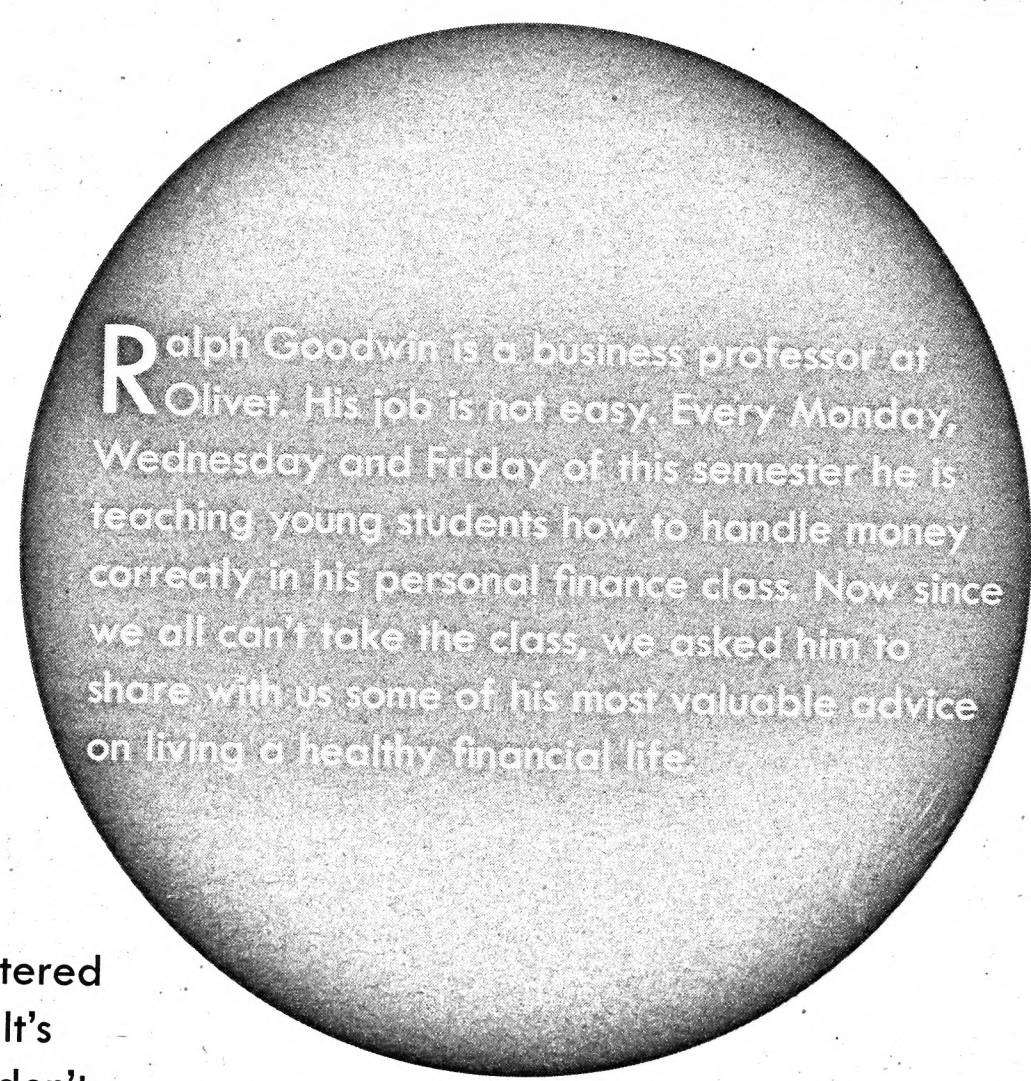
"I can't.
I'm trying to
save money."

How many times have these words been uttered on campus? Probably more than one can count. It's known campus-wide as a fact that college kids don't have money, right? The money they do have is usually collected in a fund and used toward books, school bills and maybe the occasional latte. Saving money is a big deal. It's a common denominator among the students of ONU and any other college. Let's face it, tuition isn't getting any cheaper and job finding is getting tougher.

But not all is lost.

We've put together what we think are some of the best money saving tips that college students should know. We took advice from experts as well as advice from students like you who have found unique ways to save an extra dollar here and there.

Show me the MONEY



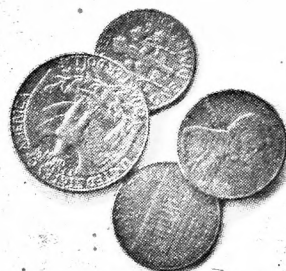
Ralph Goodwin is a business professor at Olivet. His job is not easy. Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday of this semester he is teaching young students how to handle money correctly in his personal finance class. Now since we all can't take the class, we asked him to share with us some of his most valuable advice on living a healthy financial life.

Coffee can cost a Latte



Have to have your coffee fix? Your latte or cappuccino can cost anywhere from \$3 to \$5 a cup! Multiply that by seven days a week and it can add up fast. According to <http://www.collegescholarships.org/>, a web site designed to help students make good financial decisions, a daily latte can cost \$17.50 per week, \$70 per month and around \$280

per semester! At the end of the year, you'll have spent around \$500 on your morning caffeine. Our suggestion: Make your own. A pound of coffee goes for about seven bucks at the local supermarket and makes dozens of cups of coffee. By the time you are graduating, you will have saved hundreds if not thousands of dollars while still getting your daily cup of joe.



*Goodwin's *good* Advice

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Plan, Plan, Plan

"The biggest mistake that college students make is to believe that they don't have much money so they don't need to worry about how they spend their money. They don't plan ahead and so their money (however little they may have to start with) disappears. They have no plan for how to handle their money."

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Keep track of your spending ... diligently.

"I think it's a good idea to keep track of your spending. You'd be surprised how much money gets wasted because it's only a dollar here and a dollar there and never seems like much until you add it all up."

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Go ahead and start bulding credit now

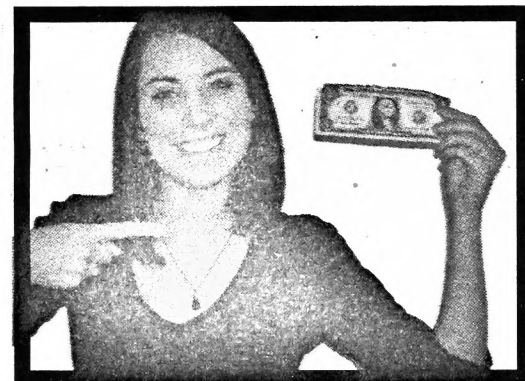
"There are several things that students could do. Get a checking account. Open a savings account and make regular deposits. Most banks have low-cost accounts designed for college students"



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Students saving

Sophomore Lauren Blunier is learning how to be good with her money. She is a resident assistant and marketing major with a finance minor. "I try to always round up my debit card whenever I make a purchase," Blunier says. "If I spend \$12.56, I count it as \$13. That way I can avoid overdraft and be pleasantly surprised when I look in my account and see more money than I had anticipated."



Sophomore Lauren Comfort is a volleyball player who spends a lot of time on the road. She has some words of advice for when it's time to grocery shop.

"Buy the off brand," Comfort advises. "It tastes just the same and it's significantly cheaper."

"I also save money by not eating out. It can get expensive, and it's easy to drop \$10-\$13 on a single meal. Try to stay in and eat on campus. When you do go out, make it a big deal, invite all your friends and make it a night on the town."

A stat you won't believe

Let's say you're 20 years old and are earning 12 percent on your investments. If today you begin saving \$33 per month, you'll end up with \$1 million by the time you retire at age 67.

Information provided by Arthur J. Keown, author of the textbook "Personal Finance."

Sanctity of Human Life Week

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On Jan. 21, chapel speaker Ryan Dobson shared with the students that 1.4 million to 1.6 million unborn lives are taken each year in the United States alone. This startling number provides the groundwork for Sanctity of Human Life Week, a remembrance that Olivet Nazarene University has made a tradition on campus.

Former President Ronald Reagan was the first to initiate Sanctity of Human Life Sunday in 1983. This day is commemorated on the third Sunday of every January, said junior Sarah Staal, co-leader of Olivetians for Life. Sanctity of Human Life Week falls on the an-

niversary of the conclusion of the court case Roe v. Wade on Jan. 22, 1973. According to the Cornell University Law School collection of Supreme Court documents, this case legalized abortion in the United States.

How did Olivet become involved with this nationwide event? Elena Norman and Alissa Woods, both from the class of 2009, founded Olivetians for Life as a way of addressing the issue of abortion. Since then, this ministry has strived to educate Olivet's students about the importance of human life and encourage support for local pregnancy resource centers through donations, volunteering, and hosting Sanctity of Human Life Week on campus. Staal also mentioned one of the

Olivetians for Life's goals is to recognize the growing issue of abortion and constantly stay connected and informed on abortion-related issues.

Some of the events of Sanctity of Human Life Week included students from Olivetians for Life hosting a worship and prayer gathering in Kelley Prayer Chapel, carrying baby dolls and setting up tables in Ludwig where students could get more information and donate to the pregnancy resource center. Olivetians for Life members also handed out pink and blue ribbons after Wednesday's chapel service, and on Thursday, professors initiated 26 seconds of silence to remember the babies aborted every 26 seconds in the United States. On

Friday, students were encouraged to wear white, representing the innocence of unborn children, or green, to support the pregnancy resource center.

Freshman Rebah Seidler volunteered to help with the events of Sanctity of Human Life Week because she believes strongly in the pro-life movement.

"I think sexual immorality has a strong hold on our generation today," she said. "You can see it in the media everywhere you look. ... It is extremely important to stress the devastation the shedding of innocent blood has caused on our nation, our generation and, in turn, our campus. I also want the students – mainly the women – to understand that there is forgiveness and comfort to those

who have already had abortions."

But the chance to celebrate human life is not limited to just a week. Students may continue to support the sanctity of human life by giving monetary donations to pregnancy centers, volunteering at those centers with women who are struggling and worried, or simply praying for the lives of women who are debating whether or not they should keep their unborn children.

Dobson is a strong advocate for the sanctity of human life because he himself was saved from abortion. He was born to a teenage mother and adopted by Dr. James and Shirley Dobson as a baby.

"If you don't value human life, you don't value anything," he said in chapel.

Devotional thought: Living in the fullness of God

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I have heard many people say, "Living for God would be so much easier if Jesus were right here next to me. His disciples had it made. They got the opportunity to live with Jesus in everyday life." That seems glorious, but Jesus would not agree with that. In fact, He said it is better for us because He left us.

That does not seem to make much sense to us – the idea that if Jesus was on the earth now, He could answer all of our questions and heal all of our diseases. Everything would be so much easier. Yet Jesus said in John 16:7, "But I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you" (NIV). Jesus meant it was better that He did not live with His people on earth, because once He left, He would come live in their hearts.

My question is, what are we missing out on that we tend to think it would be better for us to live two thousand years ago? We do not realize the fullness of life that we can live in right now.

In Ephesians 1:18-20a, Paul prayed that the Ephesians "may know what is the hope of His calling ... what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward

us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead" (NKJV). Paul's prayer was that the church in Ephesus would realize that the same power that raised Christ from the dead also lived in them.

That power is not just for the Church in Ephesus; it is for the believers at Olivet Nazarene University as well. The same Holy Spirit that lived in Christ lives in us. This is the very thing that Christ was speaking of when He said it was better for us that He left. Instead of living with Christ, we live in Him and Him in us. In other words, we were made for His glory, and His glory lives in us. Yet we tend to get more ex-

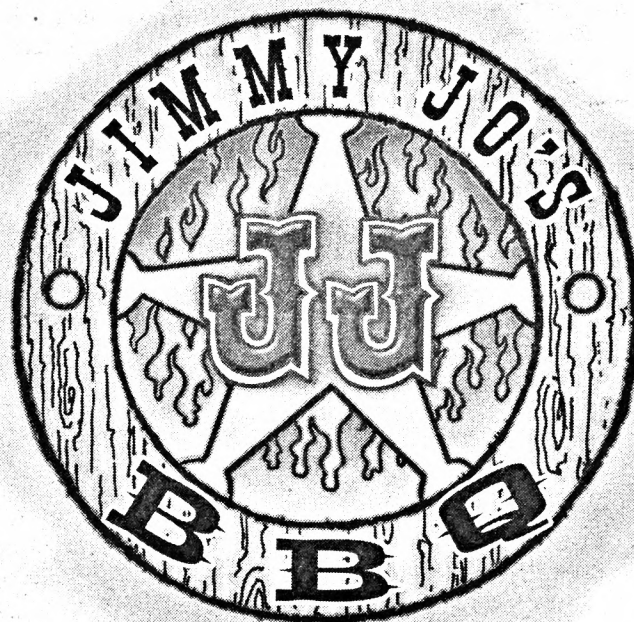
cited about the next good movie coming out than we do about communing with the God of the universe. Something about that is seriously wrong.

I urge you, if you're not already, to be in agreement with what Paul prayed in Ephesians 1. Pray that God would reveal to you that same power. I guarantee you, the Holy Spirit will answer that call, and the glory of God will begin to captivate you in such a way that everything else will fall short of the glory of knowing Jesus Christ. Go and give yourself to exploring this glorious destiny of knowing the power of the One that gave it all for you. He died so that you could live in His glory; let us not rob Him of that. He loves you very much.

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Based on Alice Sebold's best selling book, "The Lovely Bones" centers on a young girl who has been murdered and watches over her family – and her killer – from the afterlife. She must weigh her desire for vengeance against her desire for her family to heal.

'Lovely Bones' disappoints

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Here's something I've just now learned: Never read a book before seeing the movie version. It will ruin your enjoyment of the movie. You'll be stuck trying to figure out whether you didn't like something because it was bad or because it was simply different from what happened in the source material. This is the problem I ran smack into when I watched "The Lovely Bones." And to think, I was actually proud of myself for finally getting around to reading a book before seeing the movie! But even though I was biased against this film, that doesn't change the fact that, even from a purely objective standpoint, it isn't very

good.

"The Lovely Bones" takes place in a Pennsylvania suburb in 1973, and follows a teenage girl, Susie Salmon (Saoirse Ronan). Susie's comfortable, idyllic existence is shattered when she's raped and murdered by George Harvey, a neighbor (Stanley Tucci), and suddenly finds herself in a sort of "in-between," an afterlife that's not-quite-heaven, from which she can observe how her death has affected the people she knew.

That plot is common to both the book and the film, but the movie takes a radically different track in theme and tone from the book. This in itself isn't a negative; I actually applaud putting a different spin on the same story when adapting something. But

the problem here is that the tone taken by director Peter Jackson doesn't work.

The movie's biggest problem is that, in terms of tone, it's all over the place. It starts out with horror, then it's sad, then suddenly there's a completely out-of-left-field comedy scene, then sadness again, then some suspense bits. It could almost induce whiplash, how abruptly this film twists around emotionally. But even the emotion feels very false and bland.

By the way, Susie's family also includes a younger sister, toddler brother and a grandmother. I didn't bother to mention them because you could excise them from the plot without much effort and without hurting the narrative. In the book, they all had their

own emotional arcs and development. Here, they're just there to be there, only appearing when they're needed to fulfill a plot requirement.

When I saw the trailers for this movie, I thought that the marketing was being intentionally misleading in order to draw in a wider audience by selling the film as some sort of supernatural murder mystery. It turns out that that is pretty much exactly what this movie is about: The focus isn't on Susie letting go of earth and her family letting go of her, it's about Susie reaching out from beyond the grave to help her father find her killer. It carves out almost all of the book's emotional heft and in its place is a crime film with some family drama and afterlife wonder clumsily mixed in.

There are good points. Ronan is very good as Susie, but Stanley Tucci's performance as George Harvey is the real standout. He's received a bevy of award nominations for the role, and they're all well deserved. He's a very creepy, very desperate man, and Tucci sells it totally. The scenes of the afterlife are visually spectacular and very creative as well. There are still a few scenes where Jackson's old flair for directing shines through. But on the whole, this film fails. It's probably my pick for the biggest disappointment of 2009.

Score: 4/10 "The Lovely Bones" is currently playing at the Meadowview Theatre. It is rated PG-13 for disturbing elements, violence and some strong language.

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Hollywood lifestyle: Life outside Olivet

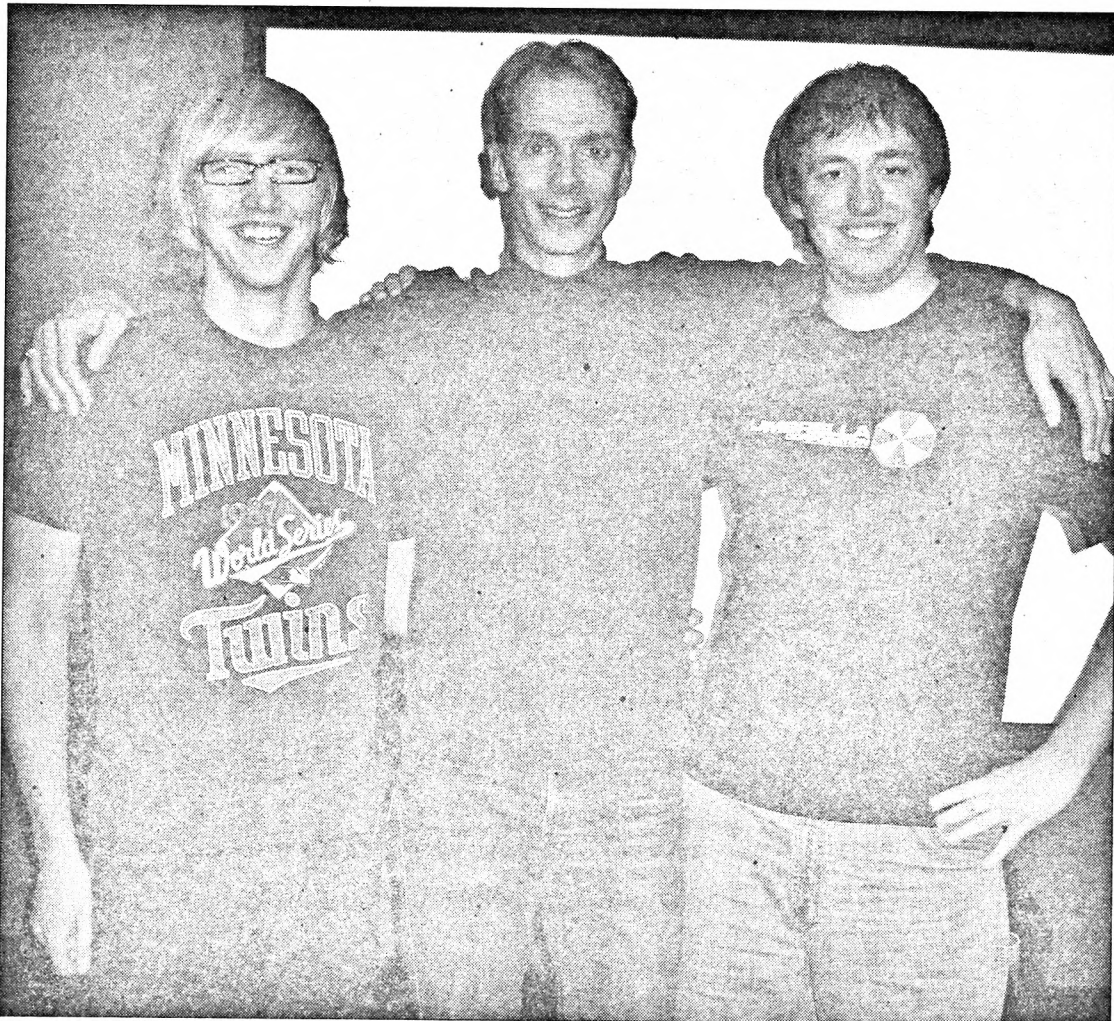


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Study abroad students Brent Anthony (left) and Michael Vanderhei (right) get a chance to meet and interact with actor Doug Jones (center) one evening at Hollywood.

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Studying abroad can be an exhilarating experience. Most students decide to travel to another country like Africa, China or Germany, but some students go across the country to "study abroad." When I first left for Los Angeles, I told people that I was doing a study-abroad program and most of them were confused and questioned the idea of it truly being "abroad."

After living in my new home at the border of Los Angeles and West Hollywood, I have found that Hollywood in itself is a new lifestyle, especially for those who grew up in a sheltered home. Coming from a household that is tolerant to other opinions, I have found my transition into Hollywood to be a little smoother, but for some it has been like speaking a different language.

Of the 55 students in the Los Angeles Film Studies Center, six come from Olivet. The group is made of future producers, directors and film makers. Most have been able to not only experience the Hollywood lifestyle but also find their faith in a community that is often looked at as a "pool of sin."

Christians can be found all over the Hollywood area and they tend to integrate themselves into the community. It seems that being from

the Midwest, people are more open to saying, "I'm with Jesus" right away, which can scare non-believers away. It's different in Hollywood. People bring up their faith only at the right time or when it's appropriate. Relationships are established first and then Christ can be brought into the picture.

Doug Jones is a perfect example of this. Jones is an actor in Hollywood who is also a Christian. He picks certain parts he plays based on his morals and questions every character he portrays and the point the film is trying to get across. Jones has been successful as he has played roles in such films as "Pan's Labyrinth," "Hellboy," "Quarantine" and the newly released film "Legion," as the creepy ice cream man.

Despite Jones possibly scaring kids and giving them nightmares with his characters like the Pale Man from "Pan's Labyrinth" and Abe Sapien in "Hellboy," he has been a devoted Christian in Hollywood since the mid-1980s. He has been a great influence for Christians in Hollywood as the community continues to grow.

Christ is present in this town that is run by greed and selfishness, but with new believers coming to show the truth, this world can be changed for the better.

Spring musical: Dr. Bowling as special guest actor

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Imagine walking into a room and seeing a bearded man acting and singing in a suit. He looks very familiar. It couldn't be him. Or could it? That voice sounds familiar. Why would he be here?

Acting and singing in a suit?

Your eyes are not playing tricks on you. The bearded man is John Bowling, ONU's president. Bowling is the special guest actor in the music and theater department's spring production, "Little Women," a musical about faith and family set in the 1800s during the Civil War. It was inspired by the book by Louisa May Alcott.

"Little Women" is the story of the March family, a mother and four sisters during the Civil War, while the father is away. The story demonstrates how faith and family see them through the trials and how love holds them together.

Bowling plays the role of a very stern grandfather who lives next door. However, there are no similarities between this character and him. Bowling was quick to mention during an interview last week.

ONU's president will be making his theater debut in "Little Women" and is already quite comfortable on stage after only two weeks of rehearsals. He mentions two main reasons why he decided to join the production.

"One is getting to know a new group of students. Second, it might help reinforce or highlight a very good drama program. There are probably a lot of students on campus who never go to a play or musical and if this (his involvement) stirs some interest, then maybe this will be worth it," Bowling said.

And he thoroughly enjoys this, too.

"I think I'm enjoying the student contact and doing something different, since it's not something I've done or normally done."

Professor Jerald Cohagan, who heads up the theater department, said Bowling mentioned to him seven or eight years ago to let him know if there was any chance he could get a little role in anything.

"Well, his chance has come," Cohagan said.

Bowling enjoys working with Cohagan, who has a long history in professional theater.

"Professor Cohagan is very good. It's interesting to watch how animated and engaged he is in the actual directing of scenes. You can tell that he is a professional person that has studied and understands the dynamics of drama," Bowling said.

It is not just Bowling who enjoys the interaction with the students. It is a mutual feeling.

"It's great working with Dr. Bowling; He's a great addition to the show," said junior Merrick Robison, who plays the role of Laurie.

"We're just in awe that he has the time as well as the talent to do all the stuff that he's doing. We just love watching him work. He has a solo with another character and it's going to bring the house down."

Senior Jenna Dickey, who plays the role of Marmee, also loves that Bowling is in the show.

"That's really awesome that he is willing to do that and he will totally steal the show. I like working with him. He's awesome," she said.

Both Bowling and Cohagan are confident that this musical will appeal to a wide audience – not just the college students. Performances will take place Feb. 25-27 in Kresge Auditorium.



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ONU takes part in 'Hysteria'

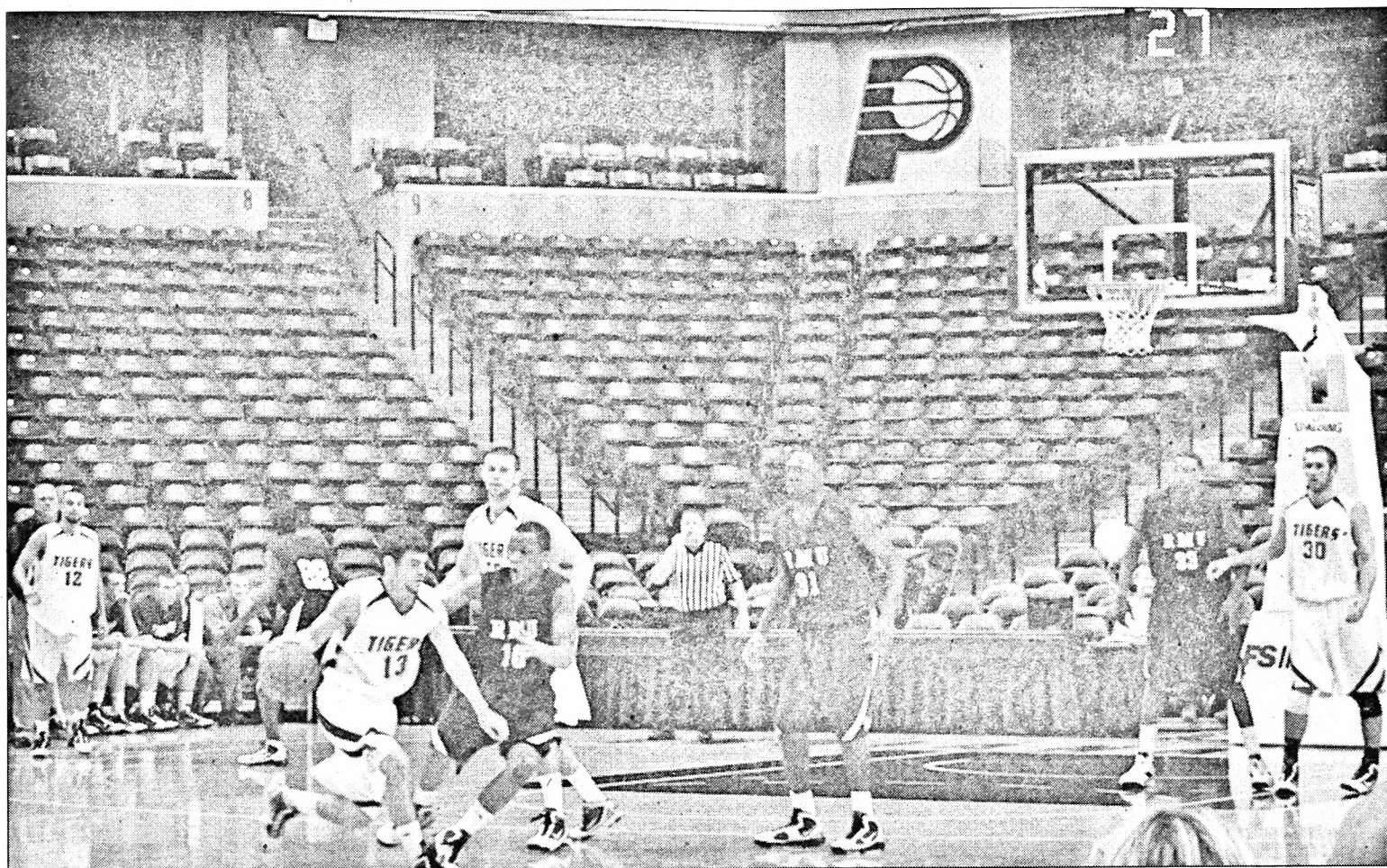


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Senior Dustin Rennewanz dribbles past a Robert Morris University player during the Hoosier Hysteria event.

many shots came close, nobody walked away a winner.

Familiar faces from Olivet's admissions team gave out prizes such as T-shirts, Pacers tickets and a Nintendo Wii to the screaming fans during timeouts.

The Tigers held a strong lead against Robert Morris University in the first half and ended victoriously after a tighter second half, with a final score of 64-59. Team manager Ben Hoover said winning over their biggest competition made the team's victory even better.

Sophomore Antonio Marshall had more minutes than any other Tiger on the court, playing for a total of 33 minutes. He said he enjoyed playing in the big arena but was saddened when it was over. "The atmosphere from all the people who came and supported us was great."

Freshman Jordan Harks said he was glad the team came out on top and he was looking forward to watching the Pacers play later that night. "It will be weird to see the pros play on the same court that I just did."

Freshman Ashlan Allison enjoyed attending the game.

"It was fun to be in the big arena and watch our school play and win and then watch the Pacers play too."

The Pacers went on to lose against the Philadelphia 76ers, 107-97.

The event provided a chance for fans to spend a weekend in a different environment. Olivet junior Caitlin Dodge said she enjoyed getting out of town with her friends while supporting the Tigers. Like many fans, they spent time discovering all the shopping and restaurants that Indianapolis has to offer.

"It was a good promotional tool and fun for both students and players," Dodge said.

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Olivet fans were treated to a double feature Jan. 23 as the ONU men's basketball team played at the home of the Indiana Pacers for Hoosier Hysteria, an event that includes both a college basketball game and an NBA game.

The Alumni and University Relations Department hosted the game as a way to bring alumni and students together while promoting Olivet, according to student ambassador Kelsey Watson.

A ticket covered the ONU game and the Indiana Pacers game later that night. More than 800 people attended the Olivet game against Robert Morris University.

Church youth groups made up a large portion of the ONU crowd. During halftime, the youth leaders who brought 10 or more students each had the opportunity to shoot for one half-court basket. Anyone who made the shot would earn a \$1,000 ONU scholarship for each member of his or her group. The students yelled and cheered for their youth leaders, but while

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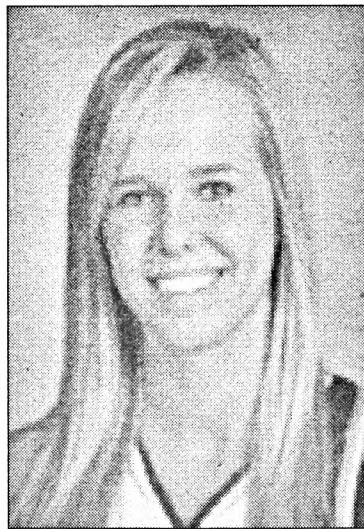
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ONU athlete: Laura Johnson



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ONU Women's basketball player Laura Johnson.

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Laura Johnson stands at 5 feet 8 inches tall and is a freshman guard on the Olivet women's basketball team.

However, don't let her size or "freshman" label fool you.

With college ball being faster paced, a bigger commitment, and the increased skill of players forcing higher competition, fresh-

man players can become overwhelmed.

On the court Johnson shows her skill and ability to play college ball. As of Jan. 23, Johnson is averaging 12.2 minutes a game and is tied for the team's second-highest free-throw percentage, according to the ONU athletic Web site.

"(Laura) isn't afraid of shooting the ball, as most freshmen are coming in," senior teammate Courtney Neil said.

"She works hard during both practices and games."

Johnson knows she has to "meet coach (Doug) Porter's expectations." Doing so has required her to have a boost of confidence.

She has learned to keep her composure and not back down to bigger opponents.

This hard work and determination is from something that is speculated to be a characteristic of all talented athletes.

Turning to some of Olivet's own talent, her teammates gave their own opinion about the freshman basketball player.

Not only does Johnson have the skills to keep up with college basketball but also the toughness of

the game.

According to teammates, Johnson once decided to play through the pain of an injured shoulder after making a play.

"She only stopped playing when the rest of (the team) told our coaches she was hurt and shouldn't be playing," said Rachel Kearney, Johnson's freshman teammate.

Of course, there's more than just the physical and tough side of Johnson that is seen on the hardwood.

"Off the court, Laura is really nice and probably wouldn't hurt a fly," Kearney said.

Johnson can even be seen joking around and relaxing just like any other college student, being described as "fun" and "calm" by teammates and friends.

The combination of Johnson's on-court tenacious play and off-court calm personality is something that her teammates have noticed and admire.

"I do not view Laura as a young freshman because of her maturity on and off the court," said Neil.

"I feel like she will be a great asset to this team for the next few years."

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Harlem Globetrotters wow crowd

Shine.FM raises funds through event second year in a row

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"It's game time," the announcer shouts across the court. "All ready for some basketball?"

The crowd's excited screams become a deafening roar. The Harlem Globetrotters feed on the excitement as they rush out to center court where players like Special K, Ant, Bam Bam and Sarge entertain the court showcasing unique and superior basketball skills.

It's only on a Globetrotter court that a "swish" from half court becomes possible.

ONU hosted The Harlem Globetrotters for the second year in McHie Arena last Wednesday night. McHie was filled over capacity with community members, students, faculty, and basketball fans.

Olivet's radio station, Shine.FM, organized the event to raise funds. Last year the event raised more than \$80,000. Of the proceeds, 10 percent went to Shine.FM. This year, gross revenues for the station are \$32,618, however, that is before expenses for maintenance, security, food, and beverages for the teams. Shine.FM will again

receive 10 percent of overall proceeds.

"Overall the event was a great success, and a nice opportunity to have the community on campus to enjoy an entertaining night of family fun," said Carl Fletcher, director of broadcast operations for Shine.FM.

Shine is considering another Globetrotters appearance for 2011.

"It's a way to bring family together and give students a study break for only \$9," said Shine.FM producer Jon Robison.

The Harlem Globetrotters have become a household name since their first game in 1927. Since then, these star athletes have entertained audiences in 120 countries, including the U.S. president, the pope and troops in Iraq.

Once the Globetrotters cross the court, they become "comedathletes," that is, a cross between comedians and athletes. The Globetrotters know how to entertain a crowd with their tricks, skits and jokes.

"To be a Globetrotter, you must be the best," Special K tells the audience. And apparently a comedian as well.

"Never felt more special than I do with you guys in IL," he adds before bursting into the Whitney Houston ballad "I Will

Always Love You."

The sports spectacle stages the Washington Generals against the Globetrotters. Though the tricks these players pull definitely would not work on an official NBA court, the exhibitions are real and the Globetrotters win about 98 percent of the time. The Generals last beat the Globetrotters in 1971.

Olivetians agree that the Globetrotters are good fun and, above all, entertaining.

"(The game) attracts a lot of people. It's great! People get to see Olivet and maybe want to come here," said freshman Katharine Tollenaar.

What the students want is for the Harlem Globetrotters to come back to Olivet.

"Olivet should definitely keep having them come, it keeps the community involved and it's great for Olivet," sophomore Melanie Loulousis said.

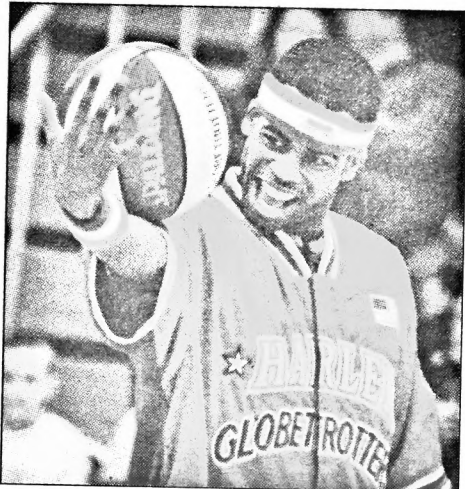
Freshman Jennifer Virt agreed.

"It's a new event for Olivet. Usually there are just concerts here; it's refreshing to have something different," she said.

With only four minutes left in the game, the Globetrotters are nearly tied with the Generals. In the last five seconds, Ant, 5 feet 10 inches tall, leaps for the basket and

dunks the ball as the buzzer sounds off, ending the score Globetrotters 74, Generals 66.

"That's a slam dunk," the announcer screams.



PHOTOS BY KELLY HOLCOMB

World-renown Harlem Globetrotters play an exhibition game in McHie on Jan. 20. Shine.FM earned 10 percent of proceeds from ticket sales.

Men's basketball features a strong defense

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ONU's 16th-ranked men's basketball team has earned a 14-6 record this season, after defeating, among others, the first NCAA Division I opponent in school history over Christmas break.

Since the start of the season in early November, the Tigers have been especially successful in their defensive game, allowing an average of nearly 68 points on defense and ranking eighth in the nation in stopping the three-point shot, according to the Web site of the National Association of Inter-collegiate Athletics.

Their success on the court has

translated into the team having a 7-0 home record and defeating the highly respected Chicago State, an NCAA Division I basketball team.

Last season, the Tigers went 16-15 overall and 6-4 in the Chicago Collegiate Athletic Conference, losing in the conference championship to Robert Morris College.

Judged by these successes, the team should have no worries for the rest of the season. They took on the new year with a strong mindset and a positive game plan.

A good basketball team has a great strategy, and this team's strategy isn't bad at all. They have a developed, up-tempo, high-

pressured offense that doesn't force shots and an aggressive half-court pressured defense that causes teams to sweat.

However, head basketball coach Ralph Hodge has some concern, specifically with the offense.

"We are a good team, but we need to be better," he said. "In order to be at a championship level, we need to maintain consistency from the offensive standpoint."

Although they are winning successfully, Hodge said they are struggling on the court and have recently fallen under the team average, dropping down to an average of 76 points per game.

"My concern is not only that we win games, but the team con-

tinuing to grow and be successful both defensively and offensively," Hodge said. "Our defense has made us successful in winning, but we can't depend on our defense forever. No team can."

One of the top scorers on the team last year, senior Josh Bronke, has continued to fall in average, managing less than half (0.405) of his field-goal shots and about a third (0.360) from three-point range, according to the Olivet athletic Web site.

Others have stepped up their game, contributing to the winning streak this season. Sophomore Antonio Marshall has a good field-goal percentage of 0.455, with an identical percentage be-

hind the three-point line.

Another player that stands out is Jordan Harks, a 6-foot-7-inch freshman from Lombard who is averaging more than 10 points a game and is the leading rebounder on the team.

Fans seem thrilled to see the team win.

"They're a great basketball team," freshman Sade Scott said. "I love attending the games to watch them play."

Freshman Johnnie Butler agreed.

"I enjoy watching the basketball games," he said. "I believe they can continue to work hard and win successfully if they work together on the court."